THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Government has been constantly pursuing the matter regarding the case pending in the Supreme Court with a view to obtain an early hearing and disposal. Government is awaiting judgement in the case from the Supreme Court.

Export of raw jute

4108. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced export quota for raw jute during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this export quota is much higher than the last year's export quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to augment the export of raw jute in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have announced a quota for the export of 1.50 lakh bales of raw jute to General Currency Area countries during the 1992-93 jute season.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. A quota for the export of 2.0 lakh bales of raw jute had been released during the 1991-92 season.

(e) Export of raw jute depends on the availability of surplus after fully catering to domestic requirements.

Government Directors in Textile Mills

4109. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Government Directors including those of financial institutions on the Board of Directors of various Textile Mills in Bombay; and

(b) what are the names of the Directors who are actually working in Government or financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Import of Txtile Machinery

4110. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express of 21st July, 1992 captioned "Textile machinery placed out-side negative list" under the new export-import policy;

(b) which textile machinery will allowed to be imported with licensing and which without any licensing requirements including second hand machinery please give details thereof; and

(c) what further steps have been taken by Government to boost export of textiles under LERMS indicating the target fixed therefor during 1992-93, the first year of the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) New Textile Machinery as well as second-hand Textile Machinery are allowed to be imported without licence. However, import of second-hand textile machinery shall be subject to the conditions laid down in Export and Import Policy 1992-97.

(c) For 1992-93, *i.e.*, the first year of the Eighth Plan, a target of US $ 6349 million for textile export (including coir handicrafts and jute) has been fixed. Government have taken a number of steps to achieve the export targets like fixing of floor prices for quota items in terms of convertible currencies, introduction of Liberalised Exchange Rate Management

System, liberalised Export Promotion Capital goods) Scheme, facilitating easier access to raw material of international quality through advance licence scheme, encouragement to manufacturers-exporters and non-quota exporters through appropriate policy measures etc.

4111. [*Transferred to the. 18th August,* 1992]

Recommendations made by working group on handlooms

4112. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the Working Group on handlooms for consideration by the Planning Commission for inclusion in Eighth Five Year Plan document;

(b) the recommendations accepted and included in the document of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what were the names of members of the working group on handlooms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Working Group recommended continuance of VII Plan Schemes with certain revisions and modifications during the VIII Plan. It also recommended integration of on-going schemes into three packages namely Project Package Scheme. Welfare Package Scheme and Organisational Development Package Scheme.

(b) Most of the recommendations are acceptable in principle and ongoing schemes have been suitably revised and some new schemes have been drawn up. The existing Thrift Fund Scheme has been improved upon by adding insurance component for weavers. A new shceme entitled Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme has been taken up for implementation as part of Project Package Scheme.

(c) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

1.	Shri V.K. Agnihotri, Development Commissioner for Handlooms	Chairman
2.	General Manager, NABARD, Bombay	Member
3.	Managing Director NCDC, New Delhi	Member
4.	Shri Vir Chandra, Deputy Economic Adviser, Planning Commission, New Delhi.	Member
5.	Managing Director, NHDC, Lucknow	Member
6.	Shri S. Krishnamoorthy, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi.	Member
7.	Director of Handlooms & Textiles, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Kanpur	Member
8.	Director of Handlooms & Textiles, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.	Member
9.	Director of Textiles, Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar	Member
10.	Director of Handlooms & Textiles, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Madras.	Member
11.	Shri Rahamatullah Ansari, President All India Handlooms Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society, New Delhi.	Member
12.	Shri V.S. Dikonda, MLC, Chairman, Western Maharashtra Handloom Weavers Cooperative Association, Solapur	Member
13.	Shri S. Ram Raj, Chinnalapatti, District Madurai, Tamilnadu	Member
14.	Shri T.R. Devangan, Director, National Handloom Development Corporation, Lucknow.	Member
15.	Shri A.P. Bhatikar, Managing Director, Cooptex, Madras	Member
16.	Smt. R. Chatterjee, Joint Development Commissioner for Handlooms.	Member-Secretary